

Stow Board of Health Meeting
December 15, 2011
3:30 PM
Town Building

Minutes

In attendance: Marcia Rising, Chairman
Sylvia Daley, member
Betty Cormier, member
Jack Wallace, Health Agent
Scott Hayes, Foresite Engineering
Cyndie Colosi, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM to discuss the Board of Health budget for FY13. There were no additional line items. Staffing needs were discussed. Special Article additions or changes included OARS study, Public Health Nursing needs and Municipal Water Supply.

Marcia made a motion to look at changing the office hours to provide time to catch up on work and meeting minutes on Friday afternoons from 1:00-4:00 PM. The office will be closed to the public but the Administrative Assistant will be there working. Sylvia Daley seconded the motion, all in favor. The hours will take effect starting in January 2012.

5:40 PM The Board of Health Meeting was called to order. Minutes were reviewed from the October meeting and approved.

6:00 PM Scott Hayes-Foresite Engineering- Deed Restriction Title 5- 433 Taylor Road. Marcia reviewed the document for the deed restriction and commented that the address was not present on the form. Scott will have corrected. The house currently has 4 bedrooms with only two occupants. It is a 4 bedroom by room count. No more than 8 occupants. Scott said they want to put an in-law apartment for the mother to live in. Title 5 inspection passed with the addition of a new distribution box. Scott Hayes requests a deed restriction as they are adding living space. Marcia asked if they are planning 5 bedrooms. Deed restriction states they will not be using more than 4 bedrooms total. Restrict use of property to 4 bedrooms, must be marketed as a 4 bedroom home if sold. They are limited to 4 bedrooms period. Marcia asked if the current septic system meets the requirements for Stow regulation of 150 percent. Scott stated yes, it is a large system. Marcia moves that the board sign and grant the Title 5 deed restriction for 433 Taylor Road, Sylvia seconded, all in favor. The Board signed the deed restriction. Scott will take the original document to have recorded and send a copy to the Board of Health office.

Golf Course Turf Management Update

Jack spoke to Karen in Planning about the state regulations on Turf Management.

Jon Witten Town Counsel confirmed to the Planning Board that the state regulates the management of Turf Management and the Town Boards can not supersede the state regulations.

29A Walnut Ridge Road

Jack updated the Board on the inspection of the apartment at 29A Walnut Ridge Road. He inspected the property with Craig Martin, Building Commissioner, Marcia, Mike McLaughlin, Bob Norton wiring inspector, Animal Control Officer, Susan Latham on December 1, 2011. The tenant that was living in the barn/apartment complained about the conditions. The homeowner has cleaned up the chicken coop, and taken care of some of the violations. Jack said progress has been made and he will follow up with a letter detailing additional violations as to what the homeowner needs to do to come into compliance.

67 Elm Ridge Road

Jack has inspected the property and the homeowner has moved the fence, and is removing the manure from the property to a farm. Jack is ready to reissue the stable license for one horse.

Dog Kennel Update

Susan Latham, Animal Control Officer was concerned about the material on the outside of the dog kennel on the wall inside the dog runs. She said the wood trim on the building will allow dogs to chew and should be covered with a different material. Marcia will talk to Craig Martin about replacing the wood. The heater is on order and will be installed soon. Craig has also agreed to allow the purchase of some bedding and floor decking to keep the dogs off the concrete floor.

Lake Boon Drawdown

The Boards are back in the dam and the drawdown is done for the year.

Leominster Tobacco Control Alliance

Stow is a member of the alliance. The correspondence was reviewed from Joan Hamlett from the Tobacco Control Alliance on regulations from the Fitchburg Board of Health.

Correspondence

A letter was reviewed from Barbara Bissonnette, 119 Adams Drive to the Board of Health regarding complaints that the dogs living at 111 Adams Drive charge onto the Bissonnette's property. A letter will be written to Ms. Bissonnette and Ms. Cavanaugh to come into the next Board meeting to discuss ways to resolve this issue.

Email from KLT Recycling – no changes to the building recycling program at this time, the Board is satisfied with Abitibi.

Tobacco Control Alliance notice of violation to Russell's Convenience Store, Jack will follow up on the violation.

Next Board of Health Meeting scheduled January 19, 2012 at 5:00 PM.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Cyndie Colosi,
Administrative Assistant